

To: Laidlaw, Tina[Laidlaw.Tina@epa.gov]
From: Suplee, Mike
Sent: Wed 2/3/2016 9:47:50 PM
Subject: RE: NSTEPS

Hi Tina;

Looks promising, we really would like to see this review occur. We are routing internally to capture all the key questions we want addressed and I will get this back to you in final form by end of week.

Thanks, Mike

From: Laidlaw, Tina [mailto:Laidlaw.Tina@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 2:34 PM
To: Suplee, Mike
Subject: RE: NSTEPS

Mike,

Talked to HQs today. We need to fill in this NSTEPS application and then they will get back to us. They said it sounded promising but they have to have their management review it. Also, they typically allow 6 weeks for a review so you would want to factor that into your timeline.

I took the liberty of inserting some draft text. Could you please spend 5 minutes reviewing and adding your thoughts/ comments/ changes? Also, do you have specific questions you would like reviewers to consider? If so, could you please include those? If not, I will review the questions we used with the previous Yellowstone River and send them to you for your consideration.

We'll see what we can get going. I told them we would try to get them a draft request by the end of the week. Let me know if that's ok with you. Thanks!

Tina

From: Suplee, Mike [<mailto:msuplee@mt.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 9:33 AM
To: Laidlaw, Tina <Laidlaw.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: NSTEPs

Hi Tina;

Just a friendly reminder about you checking with the NSTEPs folks about the review of the upper Yellowstone nutrient modeling.... and...

We never finished our conversation about \$\$ for the lagoon pilot study. In a nutshell, Paul LaVigne thinks, based on his experience, we should pilot a full-scale vertical wetland system at a facultative lagoon. This might cost on the order of 250K, and we have, maybe 150K right now.

So I am willing to apply for grants, whatever, to try to come up with the additional \$\$. But if this is going to take a year or more to round up, then we have another option, which is to approach the legislature in spring 2017 (Paul has ideas for that) but there are no guarantees of course.

Thanks for your help,

Mike